



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On April 1, 2005, Governor Rod Blagojevich filed
3 an emergency rule requiring pharmacies that sell
4 contraceptives to fill prescriptions for birth control without
5 delay; and

6 WHEREAS, As part of that emergency rule, if the
7 contraceptive, or a suitable alternative, is not in stock, the
8 pharmacy must order or obtain the contraceptive or, if the
9 patient prefers, transfer the prescription to another local
10 pharmacy of the patient's choice or return it to the patient;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The right of conscience is fundamental to the
13 right of freedom of religious expression; and

14 WHEREAS, The Health Care Right of Conscience Act protects
15 and respects a health care professional's right of conscience;
16 under this Act, a pharmacist may refuse to issue prescriptions
17 for abortifacients and contraceptives based upon his or her
18 beliefs; and

19 WHEREAS, There are pharmacists who practice in Illinois
20 only because the State has a Health Care Right of Conscience
21 Act; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we urge the Governor to suspend the emergency rule filed April
25 1, 2005 requiring pharmacies that sell contraceptive to fill
26 prescriptions for birth control without delay; and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to the Governor.